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DOLL MAN



THIS IS THE STORY OF A TERRIBLE CREATURE WHO LIVED IN THE MINDS OF PEOPLE! FOR HE WAS BROUGHT TO LIFE BY THE VERY THOUGHT WAVES OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED IN HIM! ACTUALLY, YOU MIGHT SAY THE CREATURE WAS *IMAGINED INTO LIFE!* CERTAINLY DOLL MAN NEVER FOUGHT A MORE ALIEN, MORE STRANGE VILLAIN THAN THE THING CALLED...

"The **MIND-MONSTER!**"

THIS ADVENTURE BEGINS IN LONDON, AS AMERICAN TOURISTS QUESTION A BOBBY!

DOLL MAN



OFFICER, WE'RE LOOKING FOR 22 BAKER STREET, THE HOME OF SHERLOCK HOLMES!

WELL, MUM, YOU AIN'T THE FIRST TO ASK THAT! BUT THERE NEVER WAS SUCH AN ADDRESS! IT'S JUST SOMETHIN' MR. CONAN DOYLE MADE UP!



AMAZIN'! AIN'T IT, SIR -- HOW MANY PEOPLE THINK SHERLOCK HOLMES WAS A REAL PERSON!

YES! CONAN DOYLE ACHIEVED WHAT EVERY WRITER DREAMS OF -- TO CREATE A CHARACTER SO BELIEVABLE HE MIGHT ALMOST HAVE EXISTED!

RETURNING TO AMERICA, THE FRUSTRATED WRITER, HUBERT PERRIN, GETS A WILD INSPIRATION!



THIS OLD DESERTED HOUSE, NUMBER 313 BLEAK STREET, WHAT IF I MADE IT THE FICTITIOUS HIDE-OUT OF A SUPER-VILLAIN? HAMM...



INSPIRED, PERRIN WORKS THROUGH THE NIGHT TYPING AT WHITE-HEAT...

DUPPLICATE DOYLE'S SUCCESS! I'LL CREATE A VILLAIN SO HORRIBLE PEOPLE WILL BE AFRAID TO WALK THE STREETS AT NIGHT!

I MUST...

PERRIN'S PUBLISHED NOVEL IS A SENSATION! ALMOST OVERNIGHT, HIS VILLAIN BECOMES A BY-WORD FOR EVIL!



IF YOU DON'T OBEY ME, KAIN WILL GET YOU!

OOOOH!

KAIN! KAIN! KAIN! THE NAME IS SOON A PART OF EVERYONE'S VOCABULARY...



HOW ABOUT A DATE, BABE?

ON YOUR WAY, BUM! YOU'RE AS UGLY AS KAIN!

EVEN TELEVISION MAKES A SPECIAL BROADCAST OF THE PHENOMENON!



THOUGH 313 BLEAK STREET IS THE SUPPOSED ADDRESS OF A FICTITIOUS VILLAIN, YET EVERY NIGHT CURIOUS CROWDS GATHER THERE, AS IF HOPING TO SEE KAIN WALK FROM HIS HIDEOUT!

DOLL MAN

SOME SAY PERRY'S NOVEL IS BASED ON FACT! HOW DO WE KNOW KAIN DOESN'T REALLY EXIST, PEOPLE SAY! IS KAIN REALLY INSIDE THAT HOUSE? WHAT WILL OUR CAMERAS REVEAL?



ACROSS THE NATION, MILLIONS OF VIEWERS STARE INTENTLY AT THE SCREEN, THEIR MINDS CONCENTRATING, THOUGHT WAVES ON A MENTAL IMAGE OF KAIN...



WILL WE SEE KAIN... KAIN THE TERRIBLE AS HE WAS DESCRIBED IN THE NOVEL...

STAND BY, FOLKS! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! MAYBE IT'S THE FOG, OR A TRICK OF THE LIGHT, BUT IN THE DOORWAY SOMETHING'S TAKING ON FORM!



I AM KAIN!

GREAT SCOTT! IT--IT CAN'T BE...

IT--IT MATERIALIZED OUT OF THIN AIR!



BEWARE OF KAIN! I AM KAIN, THE KILLER!

YIII! LET ME OUT OF HERE!



AMONG THE ON-LOOKERS, DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS HAVE COME FOR PURELY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH!

DARREL, KAIN REALLY EXISTS! I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW...?

RIGHT NOW IT'S TIME WE GOT UNDER COVER AND SWITCHED TO OUR FIGHTING IDENTITIES, MARTHA!



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MAN
AND
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GIRL!



DOLL MAN
BRAVELY, DOLL GIRL ATTEMPTS TO DIVERT KAIN'S ATTENTION FROM
THE ATTACKING DOLL MAN!



MEANWHILE, PERRIN WATCHES HIS T.V. SCREEN WITH MINGLED AWE AND JOY!

I'VE ECLIPSED CONAN DOYLE! WITH MY TYPEWRITER, I MADE A CHARACTER SO REAL HE CAME TO LIFE! MY TYPEWRITER! I WONDER...



SWIFTLY, PERRIN POUNDS OUT A COMMAND ON HIS TYPEWRITER....



"Kain, escape! Bring the jewels!"

WITH THIS TYPEWRITER I CAN ORDER KAIN TO BRING ME UNTOLD WEALTH! I CAN BE THE RICHEST, MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE WORLD!

AS THOUGH OBEYING A REMOTE CONTROL, KAIN HEEDS THE COMMAND OF THE TYPEWRITER!



GREAT HEAVENS! DOLL MAN, HOW CAN A FICTITIOUS CHARACTER BE ALIVE?

I HAVE A HUNCH HE WAS IMAGINED INTO LIFE! PERRIN'S REALISTIC STORY OF KAIN MADE PEOPLE BELIEVE IN HIM!



I BELIEVE THE CONCENTRATED ENERGY OF THE BRAIN WAVES OF MILLIONS OF TELEVISION VIEWERS ACTUALLY CAUSED THE VITAL LIFE FORCE THAT CREATED KAIN!



"Bring me jewels!"

KAIN OBEYS THE MASTER!



LATER...

MASTER, I HAVE COME WITH JEWELS!

YES--YES! JEWELS! I'LL BE RICH! THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!



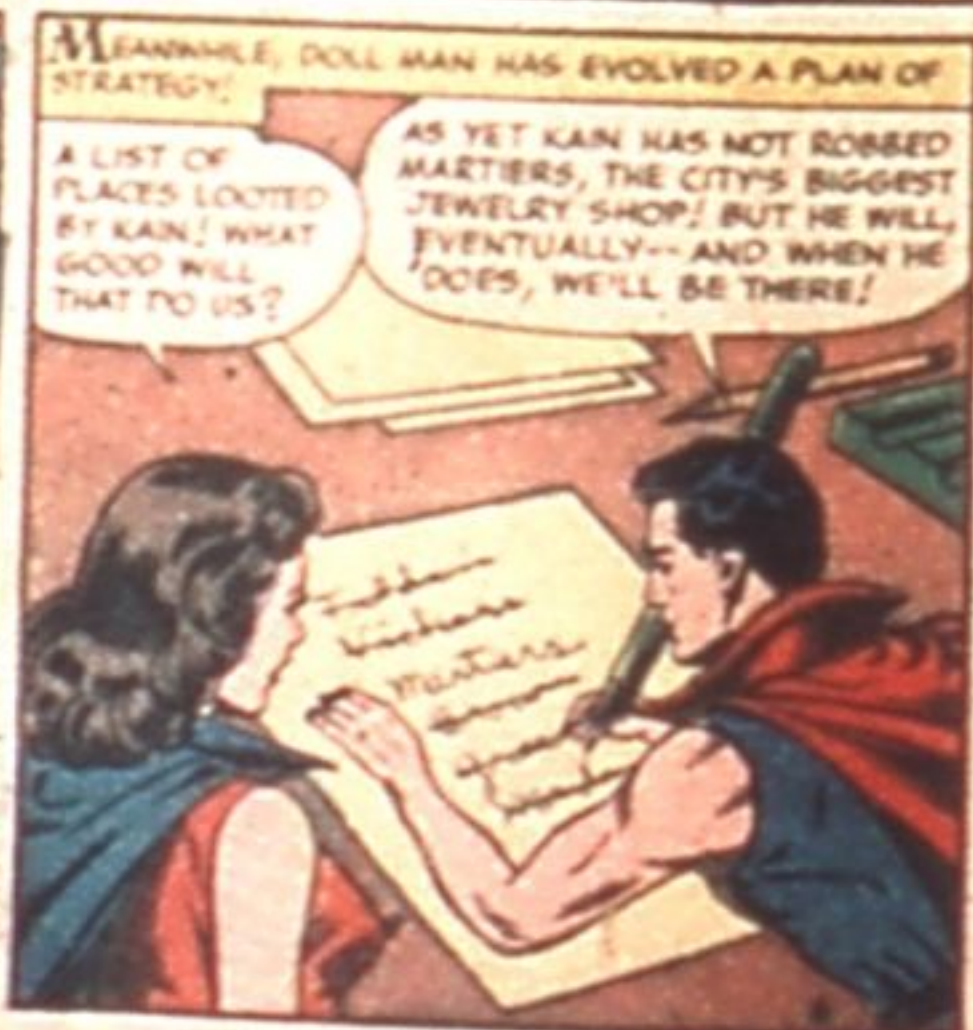
SO, YOU ARE KAIN'S MASTER! BUT YOU ARE SMALL...PUNY! KAIN IS BIG... STRONG! KAIN SHOULD BE MASTER!

OH! THE TYPEWRITER GOT TO TYPE OUT A NEW COMMAND-- GOT TO MAKE KAIN OBEY ME!



BUT PERRIN IS NEVER ABLE TO FINISH HIS TYPEWRITTEN COMMAND...

DOLL MAN
TEN MINUTES LATER...



EACH NIGHT THE DARING DUO WAIT PATIENTLY IN HIDING UNTIL...



KAIN! BUT HE LOOKS BIGGER-- MORE MONSTROUS!

KAIN WAS CREATED BY THOUGHT WAVES! NOW MILLIONS MORE PEOPLE ARE THINKING ABOUT KAIN, SO HE'S GROWING FROM THOUGHT WAVES!



DOLL MAN WHAT'S IN THIS BIG GOLD COLORED BOX YOU'VE BEEN CARRYING?

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! FIRST I WANT TO SPRAY YOU WITH THIS QUICK-DRYING GOLD PAINT! WHEN I'M FINISHED YOU SPRAY THE SAME PAINT ON ME!

MOMENTS LATER, WHEN THE COLOSSAL MIND-MONSTER ENTERS...



OH! GOLD SCULPTURE ON GOLD BASE! KAIN MUST NOT OVERLOOK SUCH A TREASURE!

LATER... SO THIS IS KAIN'S HIDEOUT-- ANOTHER OLD MANSION-- BUT THIS ONE IS ONLY BOARDED UP WHILE THE OWNERS ARE ON VACATION!



INSIDE A GREAT VAULTED ROOM LIES KAIN'S AMASSED LOOT!



AT EASE, DOLL GIRL! NOW I'LL REVEAL THE MYSTERY OF THIS BOX!



YOU HAVE A TYPEWRITER INSIDE!

I DID SOME CHECKING AND GOT A DUPLICATE OF THE ONE PERRIN USED! NOW I'LL TRY A PSYCHOLOGICAL TRICK!

WHEN THE MIND-MONSTER RETURNS...

THE STATUETTE--GONE! IN ITS PLACE--IS THE TYPEWRITER! WHO FOUND IT? KAIN HID IT CAREFULLY! KAIN WILL MAKE SURE AGAIN...



As DOLL MAN HOPED, THE PUZZLED KAIN IS TRICKED INTO REVEALING THE HIDING PLACE OF THE ORIGINAL TYPEWRITER...



TWO TYPEWRITERS? KAIN MYSTIFIED! KAIN MUST GO TO A QUIET ROOM AND THINK! MUST REASON THIS OUT!



HE'S GONE! NOW-- JUST LET ME START HITTING THOSE TYPEWRITER KEYS!

BUT AS DOLL MAN IS ABOUT TO TYPE, SUDDENLY TWO GREAT HANDS REACH AND CLOSE VISELIKE!



WHAT...??

EEEEK!

HO! HO! YOU TRY TO FOOL KAIN, BUT KAIN IS NOT TRICKED SO EASILY! HO! HO!



WHEN THE DOLL-SIZED FIGHTER BECOMES CONSCIOUS AGAIN!

YOU WILL MAKE GOOD PETS FOR KAIN! HO! HO! KAIN IS MUCH AMUSED!

IMPRISONED IN A BIRD CAGE! UHH! CAN'T EVEN BEND THE BARS! THEY'RE MADE OF STRONG STEEL!

DOLL MAN, WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF HERE!

DON'T GIVE UP YET! HMMM! A DANGLING CHAIN! WORTH A TRY! HELP ME GET THIS CAGE SWINGING!

STRAINING HARD, THE DUO MANAGES TO GET THE CAGE SWINGING, AND THEN SWINGING IN AN EVER GREATER ARC...

MORE! KEEP IT GOING, DOLL GIRL!



HIGHER--HIGHER SWINGS THE CAGE, UNTIL IT SMASHES AGAINST THE CEILING WITH TERRIFIC IMPACT!



USING THEIR MUSHROOMING CAPES AS PARACHUTES, THE TWO MAKE THE LONG DROP TO THE FLOOR!



FOR AN INSTANT HER HANDS POISE OVER THE KEYS--AND THEN STRIKE!





ABRUPTLY, KAIN STAGGERS AND CRIES OUT LIKE AN ANIMAL IN PAIN...



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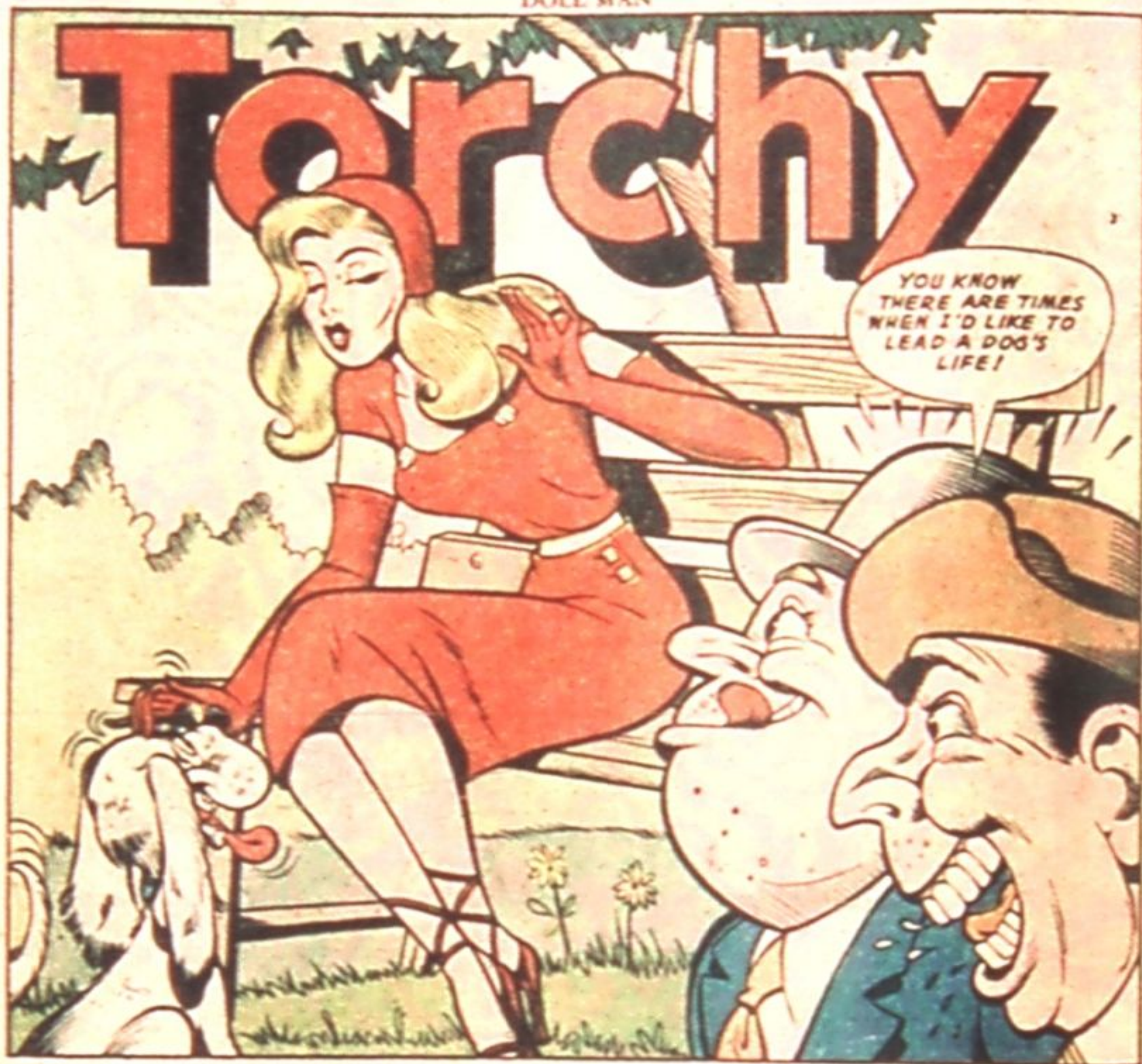
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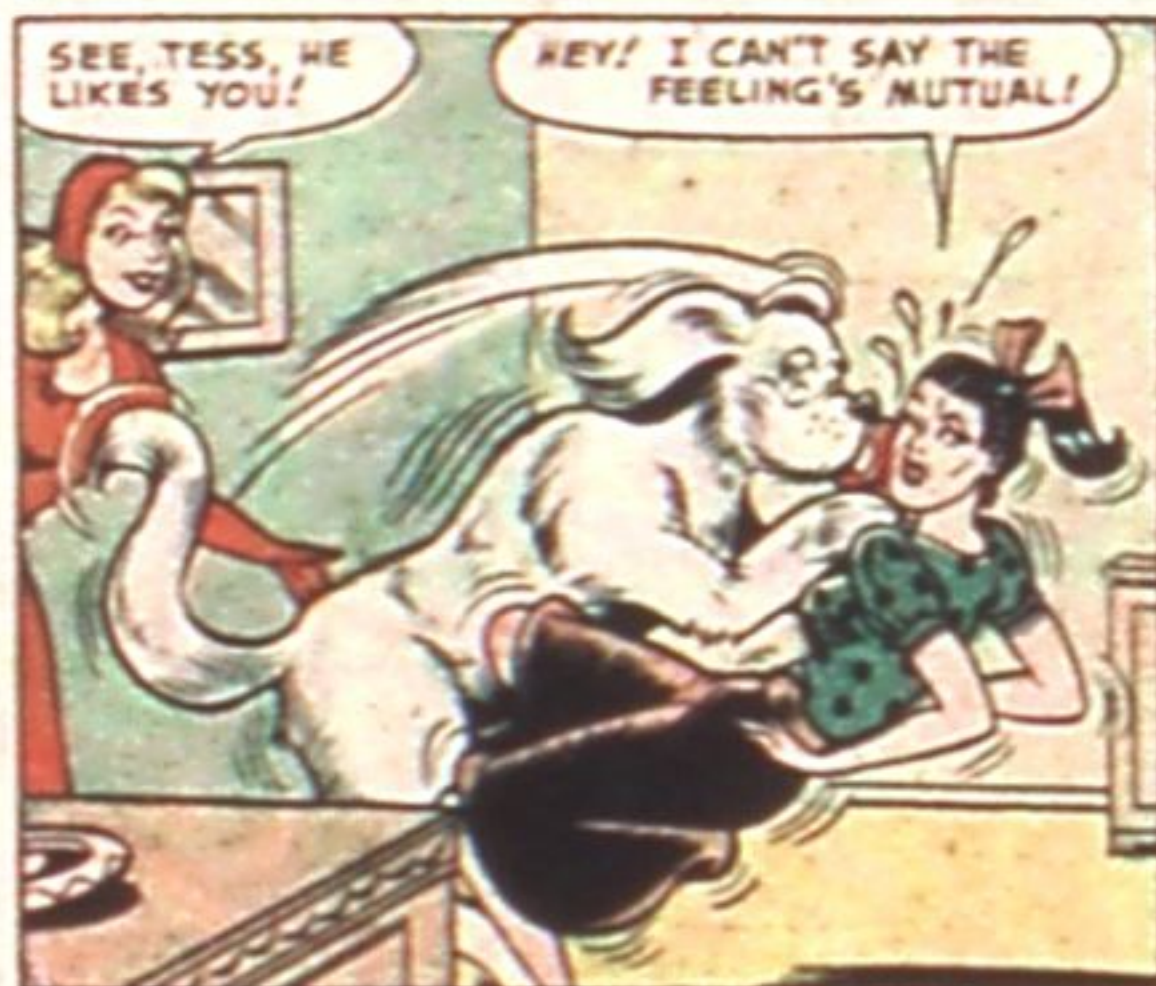
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AND A SHORT TIME LATER...

THAT CAN'T BE TORCHY BACK SO SOON! OH! OH! I HOPE SHE HASN'T CHANGED HER MIND ABOUT GIVING THAT MUTT AWAY!



I UNDERSTAND YOU FOUND A DOG! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER TOWN FOR HIM! I'VE EVEN OFFERED A HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD!



REWARD? GULP! ER... HE'S NOT HERE RIGHT NOW! MY ROOMMATE TOOK HIM OUT... ER... FOR A WALK! YOU WAIT RIGHT HERE, I'LL GO AND FIND THEM!



I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE! GEE, I WISH I KNEW WHERE TORCHY WENT!



TORCHY, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THAT WONDERFUL DOG?



HUH? BUT YOU TOLD ME TO GET RID OF HIM! WHAT MADE HIM SO WONDERFUL ALL OF A SUDDEN?

A HUNDRED DOLLARS! TORCHY, YOU'VE GOT TO GET HIM BACK! HIS OWNER IS OFFERING A REWARD FOR HIM! WHERE IS HE?



I GAVE HIM TO A MAN WHO SAID HE LIVED ON ELM STREET! MAYBE HE WON'T WANT TO GIVE HIM BACK!



COME ON WE'RE GOING TO ELM STREET! WE'LL GET THAT DOG BACK EVEN IF WE HAVE TO BUY HIM BACK!



BUT I DON'T KNOW THE MAN'S ADDRESS! AND ELM STREET RUNS FOR MILES!

AND LATER...

THERE'S NO DOG IN THIS HOUSE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MY HUSBAND!

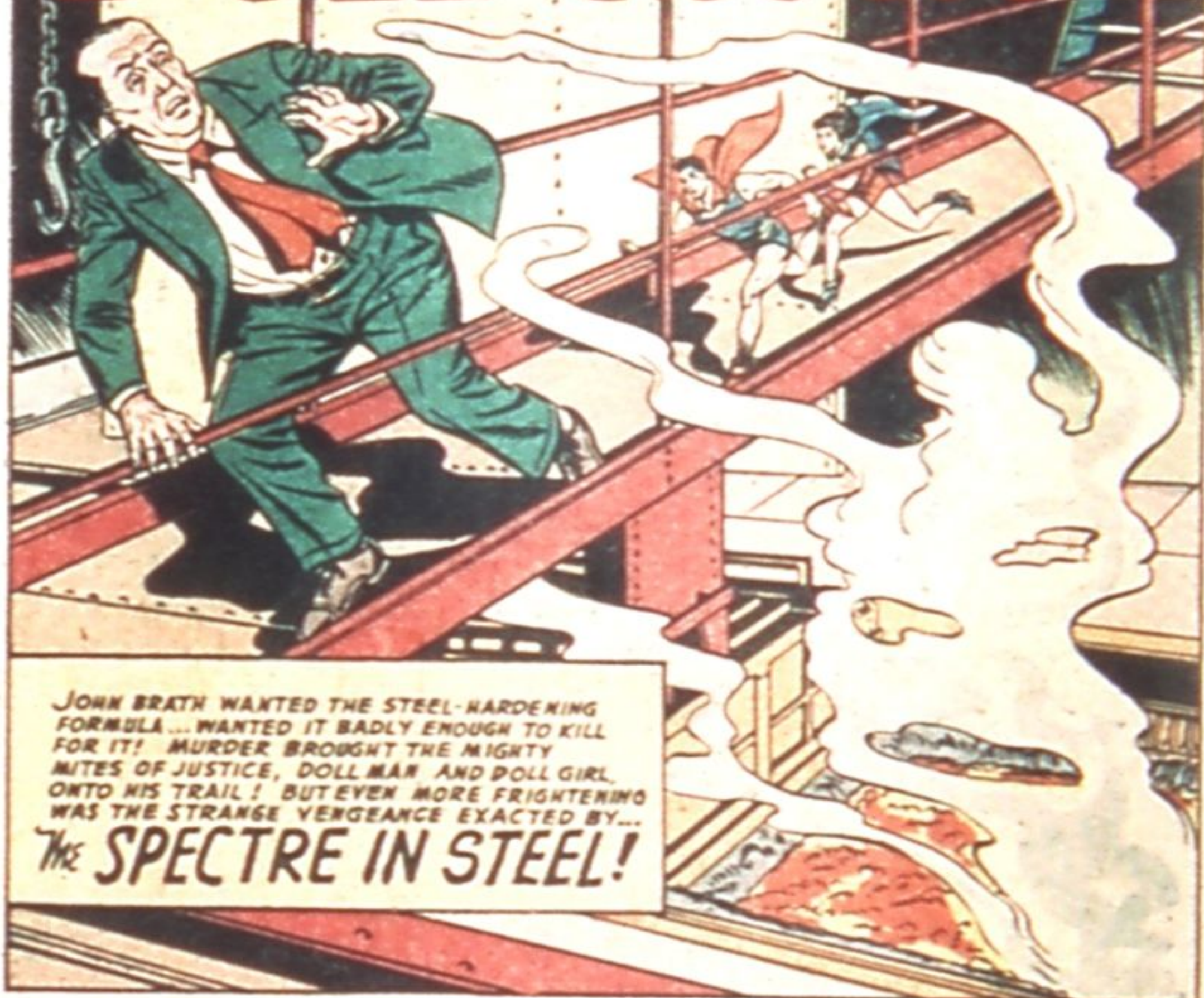


WELL, DON'T BARK AT ME! I WAS JUST ASKING A SIMPLE QUESTION!





DOLL MAN



JOHN BRATH WANTED THE STEEL-HARDENING FORMULA...WANTED IT BADLY ENOUGH TO KILL FOR IT! MURDER BROUGHT THE MIGHTY MITE OF JUSTICE, DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL, ONTO HIS TRAIL! BUT EVEN MORE FRIGHTENING WAS THE STRANGE VENGEANCE EXACTED BY...
THE SPECTRE IN STEEL!

DARREL DANE AND A FELLOW SCIENTIST ATTEND A BUSINESS CONFERENCE AT THE OFFICE OF STEEL MAGNATE, JOHN BRATH!

I'VE MADE A HANDSOME OFFER FOR YOUR STEEL-HARDENING FORMULA! I MUST HAVE IT!

I'M SORRY, MR. BRATH! MY COLLEAGUE, ELMER RONALD, AND I HAVE DECIDED TO REFUSE YOUR OFFER!

WE BOTH FEEL THAT THE FORMULA ISN'T QUITE READY FOR COMMERCIAL USE!

WE'VE DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH OUR EXPERIMENTS! NOT UNTIL WE'VE STUDIED ALL THE FORMULA'S REACTIONS WILL IT BE PUT ON THE MARKET!



DOLL-MAN

WHEN THE TWO SCIENTISTS DEPART...

I'VE GOT TO HAVE THAT FORMULA!
IT'S MY LAST CHANCE TO SAVE MY
BUSINESS FROM BANKRUPTCY! I
CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT WHILE
THEY CONTINUE THEIR SILLY
EXPERIMENTS!

IF THEY WON'T SELL THE
FORMULA, THERE ARE OTHER...
AND CHEAPER...WAYS TO GET
IT! I WON'T LET ANYTHING
STAND IN MY WAY!

WELL, IF THAT'S YOUR FINAL DECISION,
I SUPPOSE THERE'S NOTHING MORE
TO DISCUSS! WHEN YOU'RE READY
TO MARKET IT, I'LL ENTER
ANOTHER BID!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

HERE THEY COME!
REMEMBER YOUR
INSTRUCTIONS!

SURE, MR. BRATH!
JUST LEAVE IT TO US!

NO NOISE, FOLKS, OR WE MIGHT BE
FORCED TO USE THESE HEATERS!
THE LADY CAN GO...BUT YOU TWO
ARE COMING WITH US!

HUH?



THEY'RE TRYING TO KIDNAP US!
GET READY, MARTHA! I'M GOING
TO CREATE A LITTLE
DIVERSION!

CHECK!

YOU'LL
NEVER
GET US!

WHA?

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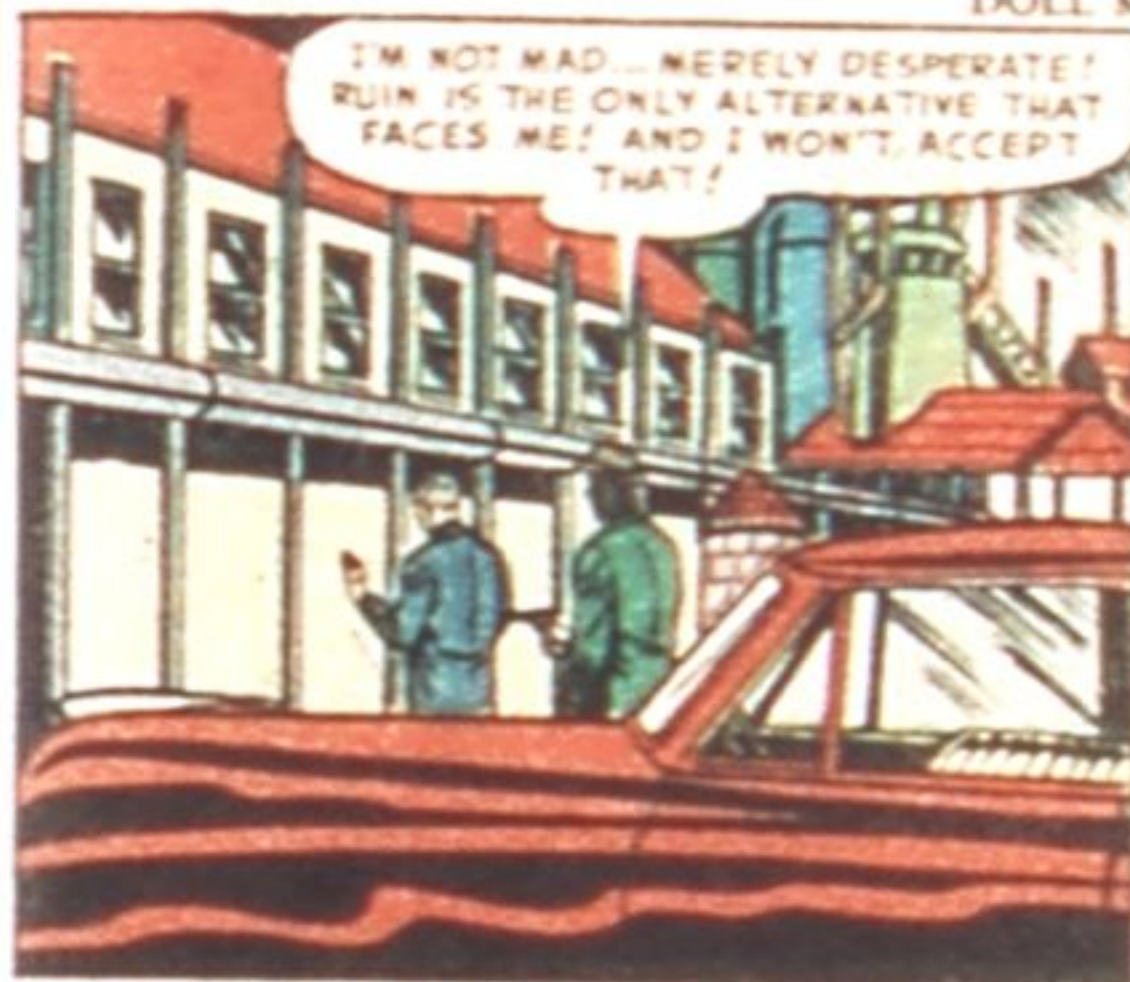
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BUT THE DOLL MAN'S GUESS IS WRONG! AT THIS VERY MOMENT...





DOLL MAN

THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



ONE OF THOSE FELLOWS YOU CAPTURED SAYS THAT JOHN BRATH HIRED THEM! IT'S RIDICULOUS, OF COURSE! WHY WOULD A PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN STOOP TO KIDNAPING?

I CAN GUESS THE REASON WHY!

EVIDENTLY THE POLICE DON'T TAKE THAT CROOK'S CONFESSION VERY SERIOUSLY!

BUT I DO! JOHN BRATH WAS AFTER THE STEEL-HARDENING FORMULA!



WE MAY HAVE WANTED IT BADLY ENOUGH TO STEAL IT! IN THAT CASE, JOHN BRATH CAN EXPLAIN ELMER RONALD'S MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE!

GIDDYAP, ELMO!



MEANWHILE...

THIS TINY VIAL OF LIQUID ADDED TO THE MOLTEN METAL IS WHAT HARDENS THE STEEL! IF IT WORKS, I'LL BE A RICH MAN!



THE REACTION WILL BEGIN IN A FEW MOMENTS! THEN I'LL KNOW WHETHER... WHA?

WHAT WAS IN THAT VIAL, BRATH?



IT'S THE FORMULA, ISN'T IT? YOU KIDNAPPED ELMER RONALD AND FORCED HIM TO GIVE IT TO YOU!

KEEP AWAY FROM ME!



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH ELMER RONALD? TALK... AND IT MAY GO EASIER WITH YOU LATER!

YOU CAN'T FRIGHTEN ME, DOLL MAN! I KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING!



PRETTY SURE OF YOURSELF,
AREN'T YOU?

UHHH!

SOK

GRAB THAT VIAL,
DOLL GIRL!

I'VE GOT IT!

BUT
I
DON'T
SEE
WHAT
POSSIBLE
GOOD...?

IF THE VIAL
CONTAINED THE
STEEL-HARDENING
FORMULA, WE
CAN PROVE IT
BY CHEMICAL
TESTS! THAT
WILL SHOW
WHETHER JOHN
BRATH REALLY
GOT THE FORMULA
FROM ELMER
RONALD!

IN THAT CASE, WE'LL BE
BACK! AND WE'LL MAKE YOU
TELL US WHAT YOU'VE DONE
WITH RONALD!

LATER...

LET THEM PROVE I HAVE THE
FORMULA! I CAN ALWAYS CLAIM
I BOUGHT IT FROM RONALD!
NOT LIKELY THAT HE'LL EVER
CONTRADICT ME!

HA-HA! THAT'S A GOOD ONE! I'D
LIKE TO SEE ANYONE BRING ELMER
RONALD BACK AS A WITNESS
AGAINST ME! THEY'D HAVE
TO FIND HIM FIRST!
HA-HA-HA!

LIKE
A MIST, A
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THE DEAD,
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WH-WHAT'S THAT?



THE WEAKLING

"POISONED?" asked Avery Bledsoe incredulously. "That's right, Avery," replied the heavy, red-faced man. "When you accepted that drink of my very special stuff, you signed your own death certificate. Oh, it'll be slow, you've got about three hours according to the label. And it isn't very painful. It's your own invention, formula three, and I think you know it's already too late to do anything about it. But when they find you, Avery, they'll think you died of natural causes." Martin Wertz paused to light up a cigar.

Across from him, in the big, leather chair, sat his business partner, hunched over and drawn in, as if the chair were about to swallow him up. Avery stared unbelievably ahead. This must be a horrible dream. Two days before he had bought out his partner, and the following day Avery and a group of friends had gone to the airport to speed Martin on the first leg of his round-the-world vacation. Then today, the phone call, Martin's voice, sounding worried, asking him to come to the closed house. He offered Avery a drink. "A poisoned drink!" The words exploded in his mind.

"B-but why?" he stammered aloud. Martin swung his feet up on a heavy, clawfoot-footstool, and adjusted himself more comfortably in his chair. He seemed to be enjoying the little scene. "To put it plainly, Avery, for years your little inventions have been covering up for a giant fraud. You left the business end of things to me, and I made it a big business—narcotics!" Avery jumped to his feet, shocked amazement written on his face. "Better take it easy, friend," said Martin. "Remember, excitement speeds the process. You once explained it to me. When the little rodents run around excitedly, they don't realize they're helping the poison along. Better sit down."

"I know this is all quite a shock, Avery, but believe me, the worst is yet to come," he continued. "Anyway, the narcotics business was getting a bit warm so I decided to sell out to you and leave you holding the bag, both with the authorities and with the nice, little playmates I had lined up with in the racket." He paused again. Avery had grabbed his throat and was shaking his head. "I know it can't be, but I'm beginning to feel pain," muttered Avery. "That's right, partner, it can't be pain. You guaranteed that this poison was practically painless," sneered Martin. "Now do you want to hear the rest of this, or shall we just sit and wait it out in silence?" "By all means, continue," replied the beaten Avery. "But I still can't believe you'd do this, Martin. I just can't believe it."

"As a matter of fact, this final touch, with the poison, wasn't exclusively my idea, pal," replied Martin. "Millie suggested it, when we were planning to leave the country together. She thought it would look better if—"

"Millie!" shrieked Avery. He leaped to his feet once more and came towards Martin threateningly. "What's my wife got to do with this sordid business?" He grabbed the lapels of Martin's coat and dragged him forward in the chair. Martin re-

mained calm. "Now Avery, settle down. You know you aren't capable of any violence. Why, you wouldn't even invent a poison for rats unless it was painless. Do you think Millie and I would have taken this way out if we didn't know you were a weakling? If we weren't sure that your basic cowardice would keep you from doing anything about it?"

Avery sank to the floor, weeping. Martin shoved the footstool forward as he settled more deeply in his chair. "Well, well, Avery," he laughed. "This is more emotion than I thought you had in you. Very touching. To get back to my story, Millie and I have been that way about each other for some years now. We decided to hang on until things got too hot and then run out together. But this final plan, this master touch," he seemed to savor the words as he spoke them, "was your dear wife's idea. She's hated you for years, she loathed your weakness—" His words droned on and on and to Avery, lying on the floor, in a strange calm, they started to whip up a wild fury, unfamiliar to him.

"I must remain quiet, I must keep still," he said over and over to himself. "Perhaps if I can find an antidote," though in his heart, he knew there wasn't a chance. Then his mind picked up Millie's name as Martin went on with his loathsome story and the name, Millie, Millie, Millie, seemed to beat in his mind like a thunderous drum. Martin's words broke through once more. "If you hold out long enough, Millie will be here. We plan to put you in your car and drive you out a way. Then you can take over. We'll time it so they'll find you on the other side of town, like you were taking a drive in the country. Then after a suitable time, Millie will join me in—" Avery grabbed the leg of the footstool and yanked it out from under Martin's feet. He was up in a flash madly thrashing and beating the footstool over Martin's skull.

When he finally stopped, Martin was dead. Avery made sure of that. He checked his pulse, examined his eyes, all in a very clinical manner. Then the spasms began, slowly at first, but he knew his time was fast running out.

Avery left the house and headed for his car. He walked slowly, and climbed into the car with an effort. Before he could turn the lights on, he saw the lights of another car coming up the drive. Millie. Avery started the car, it was blocked from view by the shrubbery. He saw Millie get out of her car. Then he stepped on the accelerator. The car roared forward, he flashed the lights on her terrified face just before the car hit her. The car didn't stop, it careened wildly down the drive and out to the highway. The spasms were worse. Avery's foot pushed down on the gas. Too late he saw the concrete wall, too late to turn the wheel. The splintering crash echoed and re-echoed on the night air.

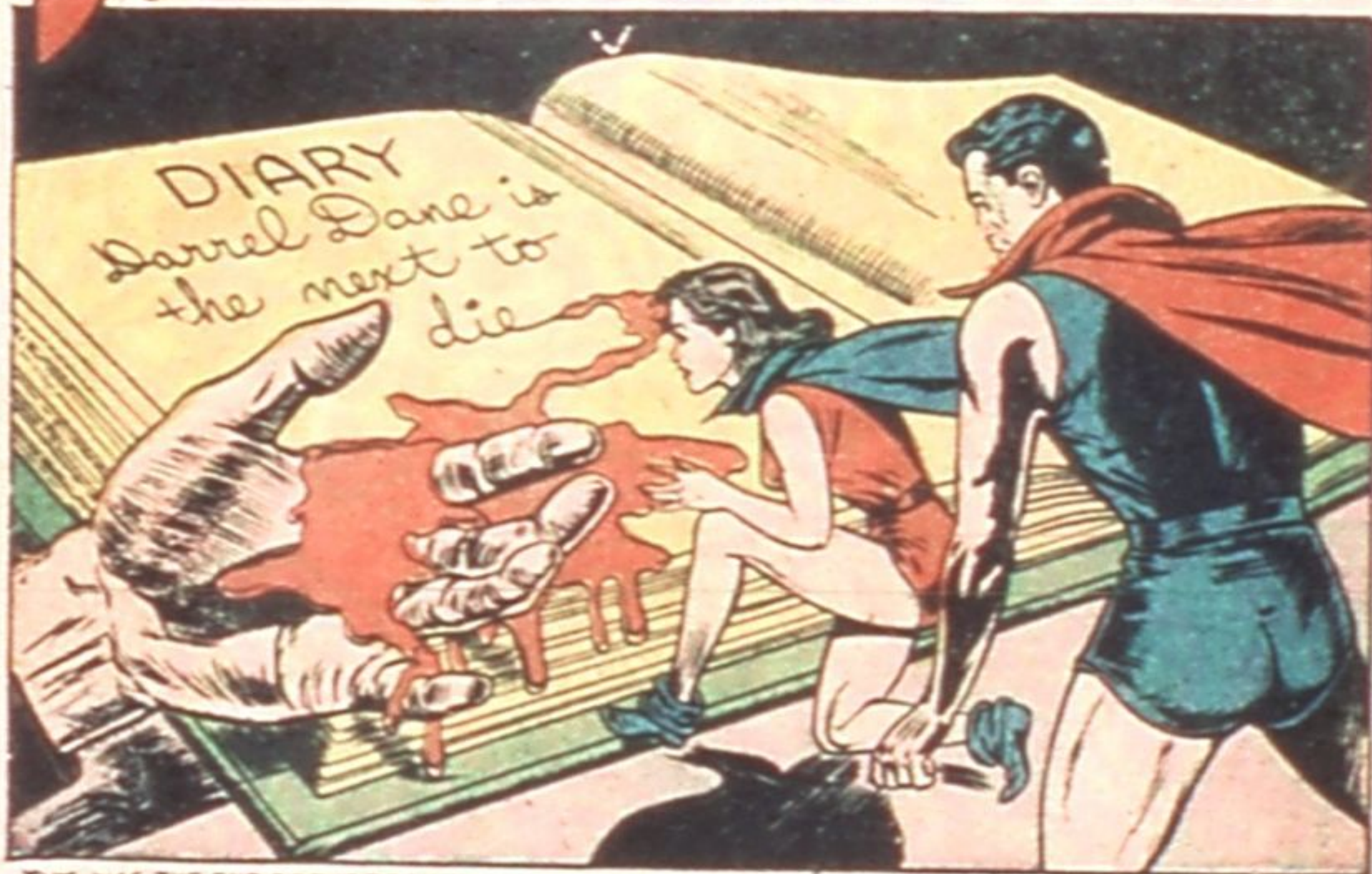
The following day the newspapers carried a story of Avery's death in an automobile accident and of the murder of his wife and her lover, by an unknown assailant. It was the story of a gentle scientist, a man incapable of violence.

DOLL MAN

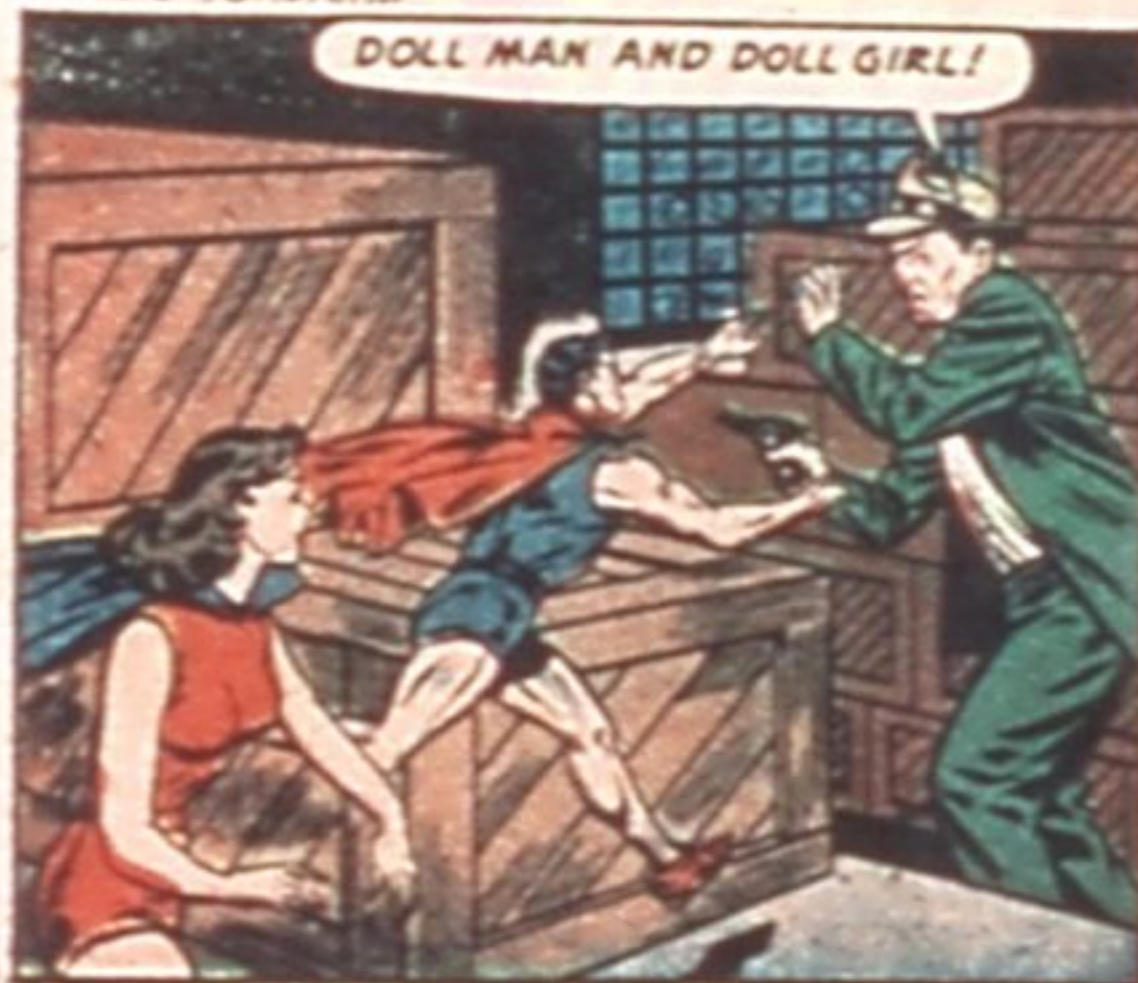
Doll Man

WILLIE JORDAN WAS DEAD! THIS WAS A FACT, WHICH TWENTY WITNESSES WERE WILLING TO CORROBORATE! THEN HOW WAS IT THAT WILLIE JORDAN'S DIARY CONTINUED TO BE WRITTEN AFTER HIS DEATH... CONTINUED TO PREDICT THE BIZARRE AND VIOLENT FATES THAT WOULD OVERCOME THOSE WHO HAD CONVICTED WILLIE JORDAN OF MURDER? DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL PLUMB THE DEPTHS OF UNSPEAKABLE TERROR WHEN THEY SEEK THE ANSWER TO THE RIDDLE OF THE...

DIARY OF DEATH!



THIS WAS THE END OF THE TRAIL FOR DOPE SMUGGLER WILLIE JORDAN...



DOLL MAN



LATER, DARREL DANE IS A WITNESS AT WILLIE JORDAN'S TRIAL!



SOON...



DOLL MAN



WILLIE JORDAN DIED WITHOUT NAMING ANY OF HIS CONFEDERATES IN THE SMUGGLING RING!

DID YOU NOTICE THAT THE JUDGE WHO PRESIDED AT THE TRIAL WAS KILLED IN A MOTOR ACCIDENT? YOU DON'T SUPPOSE THAT...?

THAT THE JUDGE'S DEATH HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH WILLIE JORDAN'S THREATS? YOU'RE A SCIENTIST, MARTHA! YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT!

JUST THE SAME, IT IS A COINCIDENCE!



A FEW DAYS LATER DARREL DANE IS SUMMONED TO POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS!



YOU SENT FOR ME, LIEUTENANT CHARLES?

THIS IS HARRY CLEMENT... THE LAWYER WHO ACTED AS EXECUTOR OF WILLIE JORDAN'S ESTATE! HE FOUND A DIARY THAT MAY INTEREST YOU!



IT WAS WRITTEN BY WILLIE JORDAN... AND IT PREDICTS THE DEATH OF THE JUDGE WHO PRESIDED AT HIS TRIAL! IT EVEN NAMES THE DAY AND THE MANNER OF HIS DEATH!

WHERE WAS THIS DIARY KEPT?



I FOUND IT IN THE LATE WILLIE JORDAN'S STRONGBOX! THAT ITEM WAS WRITTEN MANY WEEKS AGO... BUT I PAID NO ATTENTION TO IT UNTIL I READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS ABOUT THE JUDGE'S DEATH!

HMM... ARE THERE ANY OTHER PREDICTIONS?



YES... SEVERAL OTHERS! WILLIE WROTE THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WOULD BE KILLED BY FIRE!

I GUESS THAT PROVES WILLIE WAS JUST MAKING A WILD GUESS, EH LIEUTENANT?

I'M AFRAID NOT...



WE RECEIVED WORD JUST A FEW HOURS AGO THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS DEAD! A MYSTERIOUS FIRE STARTED, JUST AS WILLIE JORDAN PREDICTED IN THAT DIARY!



BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! WILLIE JORDAN COULDN'T FORETELL THE FUTURE, LIEUTENANT!

I HOPE NOT... FOR BOTH OUR SAKES, MR. DANE! YOU SEE, OUR NAMES ARE ALSO LISTED IN THAT DIARY OF DEATH!

DOLL MAN

THAT NIGHT...

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE ANYTHING WILL HAPPEN TO LIEUTENANT CHARLES?

WILLIE JORDAN'S DIARY PREDICTED THE LIEUTENANT'S DEATH... BY SHOOTING! SO FAR, THE DIARY HAS BEEN RIGHT TWICE, MARTHA!

I WANT TO KEEP WATCH AT THE LIEUTENANT'S HOUSE TO MAKE SURE THE DIARY ISN'T RIGHT A THIRD... WHAT'S THAT?

A SHOT!

AND IT CAME FROM THE LIEUTENANT'S HOUSE! BETTER CONCENTRATE YOUR WILL POWER, MARTHA!



DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS BOTH POSSESS THE UNIQUE ABILITY TO CONDENSE THE MOLECULES OF THEIR BODIES, THUS BECOMING THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MITES... DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL!



SPLIT SECONDS LATER...

THE LIEUTENANT'S BEEN MURDERED, DOLL MAN!

AND THERE GOES HIS MURDERER!



BUT HE WON'T GO FAR!

OOF!

SLAM



NOW WE'LL LEARN WHY HE TRIED TO CARRY OUT THE PREDICTION IN THAT DIARY!

OHKKHHH!



DOLL MAN

FOOLS! WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN MUST COME TO PASS!



WHEN DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL RECOVER...

THE MASKED KILLER IS GONE!

WE KAYOED US WITH THIS METAL PLAQUE! IRONICALLY, IT'S A PLAQUE THAT WAS GIVEN TO LIEUTENANT CHARLES FOR SHARPSHOOTING!



THAT KILLER'S AIM WASN'T BAD! MY HEAD IS STILL RINGING!

WE FORCED HIM TO DROP THE MURDER GUN! IF THERE ARE ANY FINGERPRINTS, IT WILL PROVE A VALUABLE CLUE TO HIS IDENTITY!



NEXT DAY, AT THE POLICE LABORATORY...

ARE YOU SURE THIS GUN WAS USED TO KILL LIEUTENANT CHARLES?

I'M POSITIVE! HAVE YOU FINISHED CHECKING THE FINGERPRINTS?



YES... I FOUND THEM IN THE POLICE FILES! BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ARREST THE MURDERER! ACCORDING TO THE FINGERPRINTS, THE KILLER IS NONE OTHER THAN ... WILLIE JORDAN!



THAT CAN'T BE! WILLIE JORDAN WAS ELECTROCUTED TWO WEEKS AGO! TWENTY WITNESSES SAW HIM DIE!

MY JOB IS TO REPORT WHAT I FIND! AND WILLIE JORDAN'S FINGERPRINTS WERE ON THAT MURDER GUN!

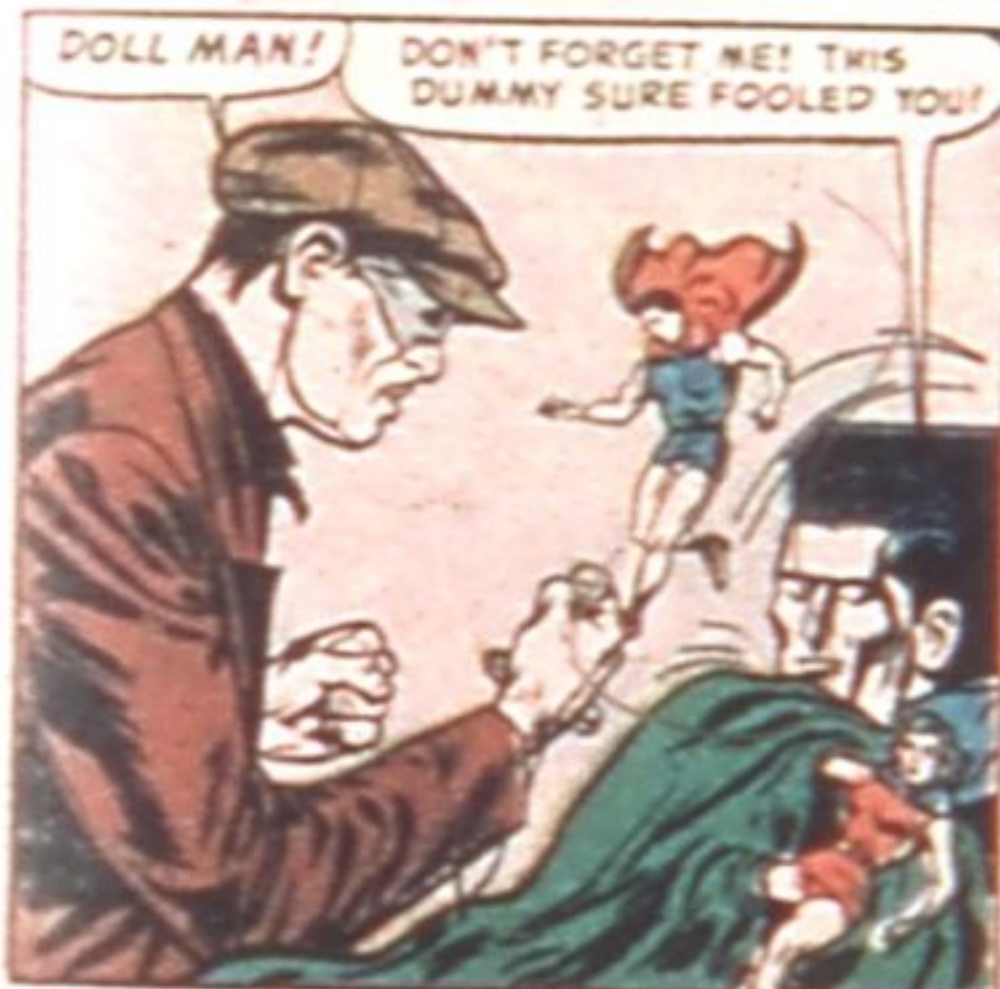
HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN IT, DARREL? HAS WILLIE JORDAN COME BACK FROM THE GRAVE TO KEEP THE PREDICTIONS HE MADE IN THAT DIARY?

DEAD MEN CAN'T COMMIT MURDER, MARTHA! AND THEY CAN'T FORETELL THE FUTURE EITHER! THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER EXPLANATION!





DOLL MAN
NIGHT... AND A MASKED KILLER STRIKES AGAIN!



HE DID COME BACK FROM THE DEAD! HE'S BEEN TAKING REVENGE AGAINST THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED TO CONVICT HIM!

THAT'S WHAT THE REAL KILLER WANTED EVERYONE TO THINK!



THAT'S WHY HE USED THAT GUN WITH WILLIE JORDAN'S FINGERPRINTS... AND WHY HE WORE THIS RUBBER FACE MASK!

HE WAS PREPARED IN CASE ANYONE SAW HIM WITHOUT HIS MASK! B-BUT WHO IS HE, REALLY?



HARRY CLEMENT... THE LAWYER! THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD HAVE A GUN WITH WILLIE JORDAN'S FINGERPRINTS ON IT! AND THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD HAVE MADE THOSE ENTRIES IN WILLIE'S DIARY!

BUT HE DIDN'T MAKE THOSE ENTRIES UNTIL AFTER THE JUDGE AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY DIED! THAT'S HOW HE COULD APPARENTLY PREDICT THE MANNER OF THEIR DEMISES!

AND IT ENABLED HIM TO SHIFT THE BLAME FOR FUTURE KILLINGS TO MAKE IT APPEAR WILLIE JORDAN WAS GUILTY!

IT WAS A CLEVER SCHEME! HARRY CLEMENT IS PROBABLY MIXED UP IN THE DOPE SMUGGLING RING OF WHICH WILLIE JORDAN WAS A MEMBER! CLEMENT WANTED TO DISPOSE OF ANYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM!

HELLO, OPERATOR! GIVE ME THE POLICE!



SOME TIME LATER...

FLASH! ACTING ON EVIDENCE GIVEN THEM BY HARRY CLEMENT, THE POLICE HAVE SMASHED THE SMUGGLING RING THAT WAS BRINGING ILLEGAL NARCOTICS INTO THE COUNTRY!

HEAR THAT DARREL?

HARRY CLEMENT TALKED IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE HIS OWN SKIN!

IT WON'T WORK, MARTHA! HE'LL STILL PAY FOR THE MURDER OF LIEUTENANT CHARLES! THE PERSONAL DIARY OF EVERY CRIMINAL ALWAYS ENDS... AS A DIARY OF DEATH!



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